

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on March 7th 2008
SGW Campus H-769, 10:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Mr. Roger Côté, Chair, Mr. David Baker, Secretary, Ms. Katie Sheahan, Dr. Sup Mei Graub, Ms. Louyse Lussier, Ms. Brigitte St-Laurent, Ms. Laura Stanbra, Mr. Owen Moran, Ms. Anna Barrafato, Mr. Noah Stewart, Ms. Ruirui Zhu, Mr. Jermaine McFarlane, Mr. Majid Behbahani, Mr. Jaewoo Kim, Ms. Claudie Boujaklian, Mr. William Curran, Ms. Lina Lipscombe, Ms. Rose Wangechi, Mr. Jean Brisebois, Mr. Leo Bissonnette, Mr. Alex Guindon, Ms. Lyne Denis

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Ms. Melanie Drew, Dr. Fran Shaver, Dr. Monica Mulrennan, Mr. Zach Battat, Mr. Elie Chivi, Ms. Leah del Vecchio, Ms. Marilyn Lessard, Ms. Lorraine Toscano

ABSENT: Ms. Katherine Hedrich

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Lussier moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair congratulated the Concordia Student Union for their successful event the previous night where they hosted the Reverend Al Sharpton to a sold out crowd.

The Chair announced the appointment of Dr. Judith Woodsworth as President and Vice-Chancellor as of August 1st 2008 and the appointment of Dr. David Graham to the post of Provost. Both Dr. Graham and Dr. Woodsworth are strong advocates for the role that Student Services plays in enhancing and improving student life and the student experience at the university. The Chair suggested inviting the new President to a CCSL meeting in the fall to acquaint her with the role of CCSL and Student Services activities.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25TH 2008

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Sheahan seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Moran spoke briefly about the Take the Stairs campaign. He explained although it was part of the Healthy Campus Initiative it is still in the "idea" phase. Ms. Boujaklian mentioned that Mr. Pat Pietromonico should be contacted when the project is ready to go ahead.

Ms. Zhu mentioned that she would like to invite Mr. Shandel Jack to the next meeting of CCSL to speak about the changes the CSU would like to make to the poster policy.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Mr. Curran introduced Mr. Alex Guindon who made a presentation on the LibQual Survey. This survey, which universities across Canada participate in, is a standardized and highly reliable online survey that determines the level of satisfaction of on-line services, including the quality of collections and the quality of services.

Following the presentation the Chair asked what level of satisfaction Concordia students had with the online resources. Mr. Guindon said resources for undergraduate students are better than for graduate students and suggested that perhaps Concordia could do more to market their collections. He added that the Libraries were trying to make their online material more visible and accessible. The next step will be to look into doing specialized focus groups stemming from key issues discovered in responses to the survey.

6.STUDENT LIFE ISSUES

Ms. St-Laurent expressed her gratitude to CCSL for providing funds for the new computer lab in the Access Centre for Students with Disabilities and invited Council to attend a tour of the lab after the meeting. She introduced Mr. Bissonnette who spoke about the labs. Mr. Bissonnette said there are 8 desktop computers to satisfy both the needs of their students and the ACSD exam service. Mr. Bissonnette said that ACSD serves 900 students across two campuses and that two thirds of the students are learning disabled. To ensure students are aware of their services the Centre provides information on the ACSD web-site, participates in outreach activities at the Cegeps, Concordia Open House, and provides information on the services for the Bridge Magazine. Mr. Bissonnette noted that Faculty also refers students requiring assistance directly to the Centre. Mr. Bissonnette added that the Centre can also assist students who are inquiring about the computer software for home use to find funding.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brisebois introduced Ms. Lyne Denis who is a new staff person at the Security department. She is the department's new Investigator/"Preventionist" and she will be liaising closely with student representatives.

Ms. Lipscombe instituted a new policy at the Digital Store. The staff will now only do double sided copies unless otherwise indicated. Posters explaining the new policy will be displayed prominently.

Ms. Sheahan announced that Concordia, in collaboration with five other universities, is preparing a bid to host the World University Games. It is a multi-million dollar initiative and the selection of the Canadian city to have the honor of hosting will be made in June. The two other cities competing are Edmonton and Quebec City.

Ms. Sheahan also announced that the first step of the process for Loyola Recreation and Athletics renovations was complete. A public meeting was held with the NDG borough Urban Planning Committee and now they must wait to see if any immediate neighbours will petition against it. CCSL will be updated as the process continues.

Ms. Wangechi announced Ms Katie Sheahan has been selected as the recipient of the Humberto Santos Lifetime Achievement Award which is one of their highest awards.

The Chair invited Council to the CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards ceremony, which will be held on March 28th 2008 in H-765 at 5:00 p.m.

8.NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 4th 2008 at 10:00 a.m., Loyola AD-308.

9.TERMINATION OF MEETING

Mr. Steward moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Behbahani seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.